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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2008 11:22 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Peer Reviewers Needed  
**Attachments:** Peer Review Recruitment Form - Final.doc

Good morning,

It has come to my attention that the check boxes were not working properly on the form originally provided. Please use the attached form instead.

Thank you for your responses.

Lynette

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**Subject:** Peer Reviewers Needed

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Information Session on Peer Review. We had good representation from most areas of the department.

*An important step in improving Peer Review at MDPH is to increase the number of Peer Reviewers.* The MDPH Peer Review process relies on talented staff to review reports and articles contributed by their colleagues. Reviewers regularly report that they enjoy contributing to the quality and consistency of MDPH data reports and analytical articles while authors appreciate the thoughtful feedback provided.

Reviewers represent all MDPH bureaus, and have a variety of professional backgrounds. We would like to add you to our list of available reviewers and invite you to participate in this valuable process. **If you are interested in contributing, please take a moment to fill out the attached form and send to Lynette Mascioli.**

#### **Some frequently asked questions about being a Peer Reviewer:**

*How often will I be asked to review documents?*

As much or as little as you can. The more reviewers in the pool, the less you will be asked to review. If time is a factor for you, let us know how often would be possible. Ideally, we would like reviewers to commit to at least 3 documents a year. If you have more availability, we can accommodate that as well.

*Will my comments be shown to the author?*

Yes, but they will be de-identified unless you would like to discuss them with the author.

*I don't have an advanced degree, but like reading reports. Can I participate?*

While many peer reviewers have MDs or PhDs, some of our very best and most careful peer reviewers do not have advanced graduate degrees. Important skills include knowledge of and experience with: statistical analysis, study design, survey methods, editing, proofreading, visual presentation of data, communication, and risk communication.

*How long will I have to read and make comments?*

We anticipate that the initial review will take 1-2 weeks. As a reviewer, if you can't complete the review for a particular manuscript in that time period, please do not accept the assignment. Of course, we will be flexible for long or particularly complex reports.

#### **For more information**

This form and other information on Peer Review is also available at [http://healthnet.dph.state.ma.us/peer\\_review/pr.htm](http://healthnet.dph.state.ma.us/peer_review/pr.htm)

Please feel free to send any questions to myself (x5271), Lynette Mascioli, the Peer Review Coordinator (x5615) or to Bruce Cohen (x5635) who continues to serve as the Peer Review Advisor.